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**Sent:** Thur 1/19/2012 5:09:45 PM  
**Subject:** RE: RSVP requested + draft framework for a technical workshop on estuarine habitat 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) 8:30-5:00 Sacramento  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/watershed/sfbay-delta/index.html>

Tim,

Are the materials you mention in the attachment already available? I am very interested in the 20 most significant scientific papers prepared about X2, the LSZ, and ecological community—I have a lot of catch up to do—this could be my night time reading list for quite a while. Thanks.

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From: Tim Vendlinski [mailto:Vendlinski.Tim@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 4:17 PM  
To: Tim Vendlinski  
Subject: RSVP requested + draft framework for a technical workshop on estuarine habitat 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) 8:30-5:00 Sacramento  
Importance: High

Thanks to all of you who have contacted me regarding your availability for the technical workshop. We look forward to hearing from the rest of you by this Friday, January 20th. Please find attached a draft "framework" for the workshop that will be used to develop the agenda. Once I've heard back from everyone, I'll circulate a roster of all the prospective participants.  
Sincerely, Tim

----- Forwarded by Tim Vendlinski/R9/USEPA/US on 01/18/2012 03:50 PM -----

From: Tim Vendlinski/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Tim Vendlinski <vendlinski.tim@epa.gov>  
Date: 01/09/2012 06:45 PM  
Subject: Please save the date for a technical workshop on estuarine habitat on 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) downtown Sacramento

Dear old friends and prospective colleagues:

You've been identified as an expert on matters surrounding estuarine habitat for the Bay Delta Estuary, and you're cordially invited to participate in an all-day technical workshop on 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) in downtown Sacramento.

EPA is convening the workshop in partnership with the Aquatic Science Center (ASC), and the goal is to characterize how ecological processes and biological indicators change in response to different locations of the low salinity zone (LSZ) in the Estuary. At the workshop, a technical facilitator will engage ~20 scientists with expertise in estuarine ecology, fisheries, hydrodynamics, modeling, and water resource management.

Please respond to this invitation by 20 January 2012 (Friday) regarding your availability.

If you cannot participate, your seat will not be held for any substitute attendee. While space is at a premium, we will seek to accommodate non-participating observers. We are sorry that due to severe budget constraints, EPA and ASC cannot compensate you for your time, travel, and lodging.

As you may know, the State Water Resources Control Board will soon initiate the update of Delta flow objectives in its Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. This presents the scientific community with an important opportunity to inform the Board's regulatory decisions about estuarine habitat standards. As a product of the workshop, the vast amount of scientific research done since 1995 that pertains to the LSZ and estuarine habitat will be reviewed, evaluated, and synthesized into a format that will be useful to the Board.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.  
Thanks so much, Tim

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